



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



NATIONAL GUARD ADDS TO PEACEKEEPING

By Steven Lee Myers

As the Army relies more heavily on Guard and Reserve units, Guard and Reserve commanders argue that the United States' citizen-soldiers bring something else that their active-duty counterparts cannot: experience and skills honed in the civilian world.

Indeed, when it comes to peacekeeping operations like the one in Bosnia, which does not involve direct combat, there are many who argue that the Guard and Reserve

are in fact better prepared for the subtle tasks of rebuilding a nation devastated by war.

"This is only a personal opinion, but in the National Guard, we deal with civilians a little better," said Lt. John K. Bahrami, a computer consultant for IBM and a member of the 49th Armored Division, who serves in the unit overseeing security at Eagle Base, the U.S. headquarters near the town of Tuzla.

"We're business people," he said. "We work with people. You don't have that sense they do in the regular Army that everyone is either a friend or an enemy."

Until they mobilized in February, the men and women of the 49th were computer programmers, teachers, lawyers and laborers, and their skills have already paid dividends. By the measures that matter most to the Army and the Pentagon, avoiding casualties and keeping a lid on sporadic eruptions of violence, the 49th's mission has been a success.

But the 49th is also winning praise from unexpected quarters, including critics of the U.S. operation who credit the National Guard with bringing a civilian sensibility to what has been a solely military mission.

VEHICLE MOVE



Pfc. Larry Sanders of Battalion Landing Team 1/4 was one of the Marines and Sailors who helped direct and stow vehicles from the flight deck to the upper vehicle storage area yesterday after the ship got underway from Thailand. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

NATIONAL NEWS

TEEN-AGERS AVOID SUMMER-TIME JOBS

By Mary Williams Walsh

For the last 10 years, fewer teenagers and young adults have been venturing into the summer work force. Last year, even with desperate managers dangling finder's fees, tuition plans and other lures, just 62 percent of America's 16 million people between 16 and 19 years old were in the labor force, compared with a high of 71.8 percent in 1978. It is the lowest percentage since July 1965.

The decline indicates that the lengthy economic expansion has given growing numbers of families the means to support their children as they learn new languages, travel and undertake other adventures, and many parents are proud to be able to offer their offspring opportunities they never had. But the shift away from summer jobs also suggests that tens of thousands of teen-agers are missing out on what some consider a hallowed American coming-of-age experience. Teen-agers have been signing up for summer school, from remedial read-

ing to advanced-placement courses and exotic enrichment programs. In July 1994, 19.5 percent of Americans aged 16 to 19 were in school. By July 1999, 26.8 percent were.

A decade of affluence may be prompting some parents to give youngsters money, reducing their need to work. For other teen-agers, the boom still means working, but in positions that put them on career tracks more quickly, not in sweaty, low-paid and mind-numbing jobs.

A summer's earnings will no longer make much of a dent in today's rapidly rising college expenses. The current intense competition for university admissions also appears to be a factor, with teen-agers using summers to add sizzle to their applications. It is assumed that music camp or a hands-on biology lab will impress more than a stint stocking shelves in a supermarket.

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TUESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 DREW CAREY

1100 WILD AMERICA

1630 THE PRACTICE

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 TITANIC: SECRETS REVEALED

2000 MIDWAY

2215 MIDNIGHT RUN

CHANNEL 6

1030 BOY MEETS WORLD

1100 THE NEPHEW

1630 BROKENDOWN PALACE

1815 WAG THE DOG

2000 DOWN TO YOU

2140 DEAD MAN ON CAMPUS

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FAA DELAYED WARNING ON AIRCRAFT CABLE

By John Sullivan

In January 1999, a former employee of a New York company that makes steel cable for the control systems of passenger jetliners and military aircraft approached federal prosecutors with a startling story.

Patricia A. Keehle said Strandflex had sold the cable for years without performing the tests required by its most demanding customer, the U.S. military. Federal criminal investigators quickly verified the outlines of the former employee's account.

They immediately notified the Department of Defense, and the Federal Aviation Administration learned of the possible danger soon after. Military officials immediately tested samples of the cable, found that they began to break at barely half the load they were supposed to support, and started inspections of aircraft.

The FAA, by contrast, did no tests and did not inform the airlines for nearly a year. The aviation agency finally published a notice about the issue on May 18, a day after a New York Times reporter

BOEING WINS NASA CONTRACT

By Associated Press

NASA has awarded Boeing Co. a \$168 million contract to launch three satellites and space probes on Delta II rockets. The contract, announced on Friday, covers the launching of three payloads. Options for five more launchings could add \$248 million for a total of \$416 million, NASA said. Boeing has offered to make future launchings aboard Delta II rockets, interim Delta IIIs and Delta IVs, which have not been tested.

first raised questions about the case.

U.S. carriers, including Southwest and Trans World Airlines, began a special inspection of all Strandflex cable they had. Southwest has begun removing it from their planes.

SPORTS

RANGERS SHUT OUT DEVIL RAYS

By Associated Press

The Texas Rangers stopped their nine-game losing streak as Matt Perisho pitched six scoreless innings for a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 6

By Associated Press

Juan Gonzalez, booed heavily earlier in the game, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning and Detroit sent Cleveland to their sixth straight loss.

CHICAGO CUBS EDGE THE EXPOS

By Associated Press

Pitcher Ismael Valdes hit an RBI single before leaving the game because of blisters Saturday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Montreal Expos 1-0.

PADRES 3, REDS 1

By Associated Press

Tony Gwynn's pinch single in the eighth inning drove in the go-ahead run and San Diego beat Cincinnati, handing the Reds their 10th loss in 11 games.

GIANTS 6, ASTROS 4

By Associated Press

A day after losing his job as Houston's closer, Billy Wagner walked all four batters he faced and threw a go-ahead pitch as San Francisco beat the Astros.

DAPA CORNER

HERE ARE THE STRAIGHT FACTS...

About Marijuana

Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States and tends to be the first illegal drug teens use.

The physical effects of marijuana use, particularly on developing adolescents, can be acute.

Short-term effects of using marijuana:

Sleepiness. Difficulty keeping track of time, impaired or reduced short-term memory. Reduced ability to perform tasks. Requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car.

Increased heart rate. Potential cardiac. Dangers for those with preexisting heart disease. Bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat. Decreased social inhibitions. Paranoia, hallucinations

Infertility. Diminished or extinguished sexual pleasure. Psychological dependence requiring more of the drug to get the same effect.

Marijuana blocks the messages going to your brain and alters your perceptions and emotions, vision, hearing, and coordination.

A recent study of 1,023 trauma patients admitted to a shock trauma unit found that one-third had marijuana in their blood.



Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



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Petty Officer Batten is directly responsible for ensuring that BONHOMME RICHARD's Sailor phones, POTS lines, NIPRNET, and SIPRNET internet connections remain up through his operations of the ship's two SHF systems. Petty Officer Batten recently spent numerous off duty trouble shooting an outage on ADNS, which enabled the ship to recover from a 12,400 e-mail backlog. Additionally, he ensures the Marines are capable of maintaining tactical voice communications through his operation of HF, and SATCOM nets.